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AGENDA

March 18, 2004
8:30 AM
Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (01/15/2004)

Recognition of LEPC members and visitors

Old Business

- Report on Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy Program
- Pursuit of Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant funds
- Other

New Business

- Notifications, incidents and other filings since last meeting
 - Vinyl Chloride release (<1000 lbs.) at Formosa Plastics
 - 2003 Tier II forms
 - Other
- Other

Next meeting: May 20, 2004

Motion to adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY LEPC MEETING – March 18, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1035 Stevenson Drive by David Butt, Chairman. Members present were: David Butt, Sangamon County ESDA; Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital; Ray Cooke, Springfield Department of Public Health; Dave Farris, CWLP; Tom Fraase, Sangamon County Board; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (Retired), Mike Moos, Sherman ESDA; Matt Roberts, Springfield Department of Public Health; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Anu Singh, Kincaid Generation and Kevin Switzer, Springfield Fire Department.

Brian Churchill made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2004, Sangamon County LEPC meeting as presented, seconded by Matt Helms. The minutes were unanimously accepted as written.

The Chair recognized Jim Sullivan of IEMA, who represents the SERC statewide. Jim gave a brief presentation on the status of the most recent IEMA reorganizations and how this impacts LEPCs.

The chair mentioned the lack of paperwork verifying appointments to the LEPC for the members who have joined since Dave Farris and Matt Helms. The paperwork will be forthcoming based on information that Jim Sullivan will process.

Old Business

A report was given on the Region 14 Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy activities. More than half of the \$1 million designated for the region was requested for security of CWLP. Deadline of February 13, 2004. On February 20, 2004, a meeting was held with IEMA to discuss deficiencies in the regional applications submitted. The only deficiency for CWLP was further clarification of security lighting. At the most recent ITTF meeting (March 9, 2004) it was identified that grant agreements would be delayed as some regions were still deficient. However, more extensive reviews will be done on each assessment. It is possible that there may be a nation-wide reduction in Federal funding due to funding going to the top 120 cities in the nation first. Over 80% of the Federal funding sent to IEMA is to go to local activities.

HAZMAT Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP Grant) – Federal funds are to be used by the County for emergency planning, not for writing response procedures. The chair briefly explained that a request for funds to develop a written HAZMAT Annex Plan for the County which will conform with federal guidelines will be made soon.

New Business

Formosa Plastics notified ESDA of a release of 968 pounds of vinyl chloride (VCM) due to an operational error on February 22, 2004. The release stayed within the boundaries of Formosa Plastics.

2003 Tier II forms - The deadline for the forms is always March 1 of the following calendar year. Based on last year, 91 were expected. Two facilities were taken out of service and one was added to bring the total to 90 expected. 81 have been received as of today. Those without filings to date include: Anderson Concrete Products, Contech Construction Products, Chapman Propane, Con-Way Central Express, Laidlaw Transit, Lincoln Land Oil, UPS and Metal Décor.

Tier II forms can now be electronically filed with the state, but the LEPCs and fire departments cannot receive them electronically.

The Chair announced he received a HAZMAT Emergency Response Guide from Illinois and Midland Railroad, Inc.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was announced that a drill was being conducted this morning at CWLP with a smoke bomb replicating a release of Anhydrous Ammonia.

Norfolk and Western will be bringing in a transcaer (www.transcaer.com) to Decatur for a training session on October 11, 2004. It is a cut-away tank car for training HAZMAT responders.

A question was raised about whether Tier II reporting for large back-up batteries needs to document both sulfuric acid and lead or only the acid. Where it is clearly marked as batteries, noting the sulfuric acid only is sufficient for first responders to recognize what hazard they face.

The LEPC Conference will be held May 5 through May 7, 2004 in Rockford this year (www.state.il.us/iema or www.winn-lepc.org). Allowable expenses for the conference are fees, transportation, lodging and per diem meals. Reimbursement can be received through the HMEP grant.

A new version of Cameo is coming out this month. A training session may be held at the IEMA Conference in September.

Our next meeting will be May 20, 2004. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of odd months. Only 4 meetings per year are required. We will decide if the group would like to skip the July meeting this year. The motion was made by Anu Singh, seconded by Brian Churchill to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.